

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2001 applicant believes that prior to the date of this response, November 5, 2001, there were 22 claims pending in the application i.e. claims 1-22. In paragraph 15 of the Office Action dated June 5, 2001 the examiner refers to claims 23-40. Applicant believes that the Office Action dated June 5, 2001 is the first Office Action and that only claims 1-22 as presented in the original application filed November 16, 1999 are pending. Applicant proceeds with the remarks under the assumption that only claims 1-22 as presented in the original application filed November 16, 1999 are pending.

In paragraph 2 of Office Action claims 1, 9-14, 16, 17 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Reavey et al (5,847,698). Examiner states that Reavey et al teaches an electronic book having a display screen 15, a cover 20, PCMCIA card 50 (figure 1), a cover 20 electronically connects single panel screen 15, a cover 20 inherently does not connect single panel screen 15, then display screen is not viewably in display.

To further clarify the claimed embodiment of the invention and without adding new matter applicant has canceled claim 1 and added claim 23 from which claims 9-14, 16, 17 depend either directly or indirectly. Claim 23 clarifies the invention by claiming a system for viewing information comprising: an electronic book including electronic circuitry and an indication of a first electronic code; an electronic display coupled with said electronic book; and a cover containing an indication of a second electronic code wherein when said cover is coupled with said electronic book said electronic circuitry reads said indication of second electronic code and determines if said indication of first electronic code is associated with said indication of second electronic code wherein if said indication of first electronic code is associated with said indication of second electronic code then said electronic display is unlocked. Since the prior art of record does not teach a cover containing an indication of a second electronic code wherein when said cover is coupled with said electronic book said electronic circuitry reads said indication of second electronic code and determines if said indication of first electronic code is associated with said indication of second electronic code wherein if said indication of first electronic code is associated with said indication of second electronic code then said electronic display is unlocked, applicant believes claims 9-14, 16, 17 are patentable over the prior art of record.

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 15, 18 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reavey et al in view of Tuttle (5,776,278).

Examiner states in paragraph 6 that as to claims 2, 3 and 18 , Reavey et al teaches all of the claimed limitations of claim 1, except for an electronic code is stored in an integrated circuit. Examiner further states that however, Tuttle teaches a tag having an integrated chip. As to claims 6 and 7, examiner states that Tuttle teaches a tag IC is a radio frequency. As to claim 15, Reavey teaches modem cards.

As stated earlier applicant has cancelled claim 1 and added claim 23 without adding new matter to clarify the invention. With claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 15, 18 now depending from new claim 23 directly or indirectly applicant believes the claimed embodiment of the invention is patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant asserts that the prior art of record does not teach all of the limitations of newly added claim 23 from which claims 2,3,6,7,15,18 now depend either directly or indirectly including a cover containing an indication of a second electronic code wherein when said cover is coupled with said electronic book said electronic circuitry reads said indication of second electronic code and determines if said indication of first electronic code is associated with said indication of second electronic code wherein if said indication of first electronic code is associated with said indication of second electronic code then said electronic display is unlocked.

In paragraph 9 of the Office Action claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reavey et al in view of Post et al (1997 IEEE). Applicant believes that Reavey does not teach all of the claim limitations of newly added claim 23 including an indication of a first electronic code and an indication of a second electronic code. Applicant believes that newly added claim 23 from which claim 4 and 5 directly depends clarifies the invention, does not add new matter and is patentable over the prior art of record.

In paragraph 11 of the Office Action claims 19, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reavey et al in view of Tuttle (5,776,278). In paragraph 13 claim 21 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reavey et al in view of Post et al. Applicant cancelled claims 19-22.

Applicant also added method claims 23-27. Applicant believes that newly added claims 23-27 do not add new matter and are patentable over the prior art.

Further in response to Office action applicant amends claims 2-6, 9-14 and 16. It is believed that the amendment clarifies the patentable invention without adding new

subject matter. Claims 2-18, 23-27 are now pending in the case. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and its allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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2. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said cover includes an integrated circuit and said indication of second electronic code is stored in said integrated circuit.
3. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said indication of second electronic code is embedded in said cover.
4. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said cover is a fabric having threads and said indication of second electronic code is woven into said threads of said fabric.
5. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said cover is made from paper and said indication of second electronic code is printed on said paper.
6. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said cover couples to said electronic book using a wireless connection.
9. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said cover couples to said electronic book via an electrical contact.
10. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said cover physically attaches to said electronic book.
11. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said cover physically attaches to said electronic book using Velcro™.
12. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said cover physically attaches to said electronic book using conductive clasps and said cover couples to said electronic book via said conductive clasps.
13. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said electronic book has a storage memory and said information is stored in said storage memory.
14. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said cover has a storage memory and said information is stored in said storage memory.
16. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 23, wherein said cover has a surface and displayed on said surface is material.